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NATHAN SUMMERS IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MUTANTS, BUT RECENTLY HIS TELEKINETIC AND TELEPATHIC ABILITIES HAVE SPUN OUT OF CONTROL. NATHAN STRUGGLES, AT WAR WITH HIMSELF AND THE TIMES HE LIVES IN, BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT THE ONLY WAY TO FORGE A PEACEFUL TOMORROW IS TO FIGHT FOR PEACE TODAY.

DEADPOOL

WADE WILSON IS A GUN-FOR-HIRE. A BY-PRODUCT OF THE MILITARY'S WEAPON X PROGRAM, WILSON WAS GIVEN INCREDIBLE STRENGTH, AGILITY AND HEALING POWERS – BUT AT A PRICE. HIS CELLULAR STRUCTURE IS IN CONSTANT FLUX AND HIS SANITY IS QUESTIONABLE. AN OUTSIDER, ALL WILSON WANTS TO DO IS SWIM IN THE SOCIETAL CESSPOOL PREFERABLY THE BREASTSTROKE. BUT NO SPEEDOS....

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THE NEW YORK CITY FORECAST FOR--
NLIN
THAT WAS MO ROCCO REPORTING FROM PARIS. YES. THE CITY OF LIGHTS...OR A TACKY BACKDROP... FUNNY THING ABOUT PARIS...
NLIN
LOOK OUT, BUTTERCUP! IT'S MOJO JOJO!
BABES-IN-WAITING. LOOK AT THE OLSEN TWINS NOW.
NLIN
WALNUTS. THE LATEST IN HEALTH FOOD FADS--
NICE HAIRCUT, MATT.
WRONG, WILBON. SHE SHOULDN'T BE PLAYING WITH THE MEN!
NLIN

SHE'S BEEN CALLED THE SEXIEST WOMAN ALIVE--
BEA ARTHUR!
--AND NOW HALLE BERRY IS--
BEA ARTHUR!
NLIN
NEXT ON TNN, THE NEW ADVENTURES OF LOIS AND CLARK!
BRRRING
IS THIS DEADPOOL?
HELLO? IS ANYONE THERE?
I WAS TOLD THIS WAS THE NUMBER TO CALL IF I HAD...SPECIAL NEEDS? HELLO--?

THIS IS DEADPOOL.
THE... MERCENARY--?
I PREFER "WELL-COMPENSATED ESTABLISHMENT PROVOCATEUR."
AH. YES. HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE ONE WORLD CHURCH?
NOPE.
IT'S IN FRANCE.
I'LL PASS.
IT PAYS A LOT.
GOOD SIR, YOU CAN'T PAY ME ENOUGH TO GO TO FRANCE WHILE OUR COUNTRIES ARE AT WAR!
PFFT
PFFT
PFFT
UHM... WE'RE NOT AT WAR.
WE'RE NOT?
NO.
OH.
SO... HOW MUCH MONEY?
...
WELL, THAT SURE IS A LOT...

ORLEANS AIRPORT, FRANCE.
FLIGHT 593 FROM JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT ARRIVING AT GATE 33.
AMY LEE
Mr. DEADPOOL
SUN
IXNAY ON THE EADPOOLDAY!
CALL ME WADE, OKAY? BUT NOT MR. WILSON, 'CAUSE THEN I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD BE SMACKING DENNIS AROUND OR SOMETHING.
UHM. OF COURSE. DO YOU HAVE MORE LUGGAGE?
NAH. TRAVEL LIGHT.
GUNS N' AMMO ARE EASY TO COME BY. EVEN IN FRANCE.

HEY, CAN WE STOP BY JIM MORRISON'S GRAVE FIRST?
I GOTTA TAKE A WICKED LEAK.
I'M ITCHIN' LIKE NUTS--YOU GUYS MIND IF I TAKE MY FACE OFF?
UM... NO? NOT AT ALL...
"YOU MUST BE YOURSELF BEFORE YOU CAN BE ONE."
YEAH, OKAY. DON'T DO THAT.
WHAT?
PREACH. DON'T. I WILL GOUGE EYES AND STUFF.
SO YOU GUYS AIN'T FREAKED OUT BY THIS?
IT IS WONDERFUL. YOU HAVE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP TO LOSING YOUR MASK FOR THE GREATER ONE.
AS HAVE WE.
OKAY, NOW SEE, I'M GROSSED OUT!

WE HAVE BEEN CLEANSED OF IDENTITY.
PURIFIED OF SELF.
"WE ARE AS ONE WITH THE WHOLE."
OH, YOU GUYS'RE HOLES, ALL RIGHT...
KEEP THE MOTOR RUNNIN' IN CASE THIS PLACE FREAKS ME OUT TOO MUCH.
I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT WILL NOT BE THE CASE.
LORD--!

I WOULDN'T BE SO BOLD AS TO PRESUME...
MY NAME WAS ANTON KRUCH. I AM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE ONE WORLD CHURCH.
WELCOME TO OUR COLONY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.
OKAY, FIRST OF ALL, I HAVEN'T TAKEN THE JOB YET.
SECOND OF ALL-- COLONY? WHAT'RE YOU, ANTS?
AM I ON STAR TREK OR SOMETHIN'--'CAUSE I CAN DO THE SHATNER-ROLL IF I HAVE TO.
AND YOU GOT THE BLUE BABES ALREADY, WHICH IS A GOOD START ON THAT WHOLE ALIEN-NOOKIE THING...
I HAD HEARD YOU WERE... GREGARIOUS.
DOCTORS SAY IT AIN'T CONTAGIOUS.
THIS WAY. THE ONE WORLD CHURCH IS BEST-SERVED BY THE SHOWING AS MUCH AS THE TELLING.

FIVE YEARS AGO I WAS AWASH IN MY SENSE OF SELF, HOARDING MONETARY WEALTH, MATERIAL GOODS AND THE PLEASURES OF THE FLESH.
SOUNDS ROUGH.

I WAS EMPTY INSIDE. AS ARE SO MANY OF US.
AS ARE YOU.

WE ARE A DIVIDED SPECIES.
WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE SEGREGATED BY ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.

FROM THE COLOR OF OUR SKIN TO DIFFERENCES IN LANGUAGE.
FROM THE SELF-IMPOSED BOUNDARIES OF OUR NATIONS TO THE DOGMA OF OUR SPIRITUAL BELIEFS.
CULTURAL. CULINARY. CLOTHING...

...ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING...

SO YOU THINK..."PURIFIED OF SELF"--WHAT?--MAKE EVERYONE LOOK THE SAME? THINK THE SAME?
MADNESS OR GENIUS?
NEVER COULD TELL THE DIFFERENCE.
HAH! YOU ARE HUMOROUS.
A REGULAR RIOT ONCE YOU GET T'KNOW ME.
SO, UHM--WHY BLUE?
IT'S SUCH A...PLACID COLOR...DON'T YOU THINK?
ALWAYS BEEN PARTIAL TO RED N' BLACK MYSELF.
EXACTLY WHAT IS THIS JOB...?
FOLLOW ME.

THIS IS THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION.
TOTALLY BLOFELD!
SUNIC IS A WORLDWIDE PHARMACEUTICAL GIANT. MEMBERS OF MY MINISTRY OF INSINUATION—
SUNIC
THEY SUGGEST NASTY THINGS ABOUT PEOPLE?
THEY INSINUATE THEMSELVES INTO THE WORKINGS OF THE DIVIDED WORLD.
THEIRS IS THE GREATEST SACRIFICE, FORSAKING THE COLONY IN ORDER TO BENEFIT THE COLONY.
OKAY, ALL YOU HADDA SAY WAS "SPIES."
SUNIC [redacted] INVENTED [redacted] SYNTHETIC VIRUS THAT POSES [redacted] GRAVE THREAT TO THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.
LIKE A POISON OR NERVE AGENT?
IF YOU WILL.

OUR SCIENTISTS THEORIZE THAT IF USED PROPERLY, THIS BIOTOXIN CAN ACTUALLY PROVE *BENEFICIAL*.
YEAH? HOW'S IT GONNA DO THAT?
DOES IT REALLY MATTER?
SUNIC, YOU SAID?
RETRIEVE THE TOXIN FROM THE *GERMAN* FACILITY WHERE IT IS BEING PROCESSED.
GERMANY IS ALSO A COUNTRY YOU ARE *NOT* AT WAR WITH, BY THE WAY.
"WE PROBABLY *WILL* BE BY THE TIME I'M DONE..."
GUTEN TAG, HERR BEIMER.
SUNIC PHARMACOPOEIA, GERMANY

JERK.
PROCESSING THAT NEW STRAIN TODAY.
GUTEN TAG, HERR BEIMER.
JERK
THE FAÇADE IS READY, MISTER BEIMER.

KNOK KNOK
(ROOM SERVICE.)
(AGAIN.)
(THE FRANKFURT HOTEL THANKS YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE.)
(AGAIN.)
(I MUST BE HUNGRY.)
(ALTHOUGH YOU HAVEN'T EATEN ANY OF YOUR FOOD.)
(I WANTED TO GET TO KNOW YOU.)
(BUT YOU HAVEN'T SAID A WORD TO--UHM--SIR, I AM A FAMILY MAN...)
(SO AM I. A VERY STRANGE FAMILY.)
(DON'T GET AGITATED. I WOULDN'T LIKE YOU WHEN YOU'RE AGITATED.)
(YOU-- YOU KNOW?)
(I READ [redacted], AMONG OTHER THINGS.)

(THAT STRANGE FAMILY I TALKED ABOUT? MUTANTS. OF WHICH YOU ARE ONE.)
(SURGES OF EMOTION RESULT IN FISSIONABLE DISCHARGES OF EXHALED CARBON DIOXIDE, RIGHT?)
(SINCE YOU WERE YOUNG YOU'VE REPRESSED YOUR EMOTIONS OUT OF FEAR YOU'D HURT OTHERS.)
(YOU HAVE HIDDEN FROM LIFE. HIDDEN THE TRUTH FROM YOUR FAMILY.)
(WHAT CHOICE DID I HAVE?)
(YOU COULD HAVE LEARNED TO CONTROL YOUR ABILITIES.)
X-orporation
(THE X-CORPORATION?)
(ASK FOR CHARLES XAVIER.)
(TELL HIM CABLE SENT YOU. WATCH HIS UPPER LIP [redacted] UP.)
(I DO NOT KNOW-- MY FAMILY--)
(IS WHY YOU HAVE TO DO IT.)
(YOUR DAUGHTER... SHE'S TWELVE NOW, ISN'T SHE...?)
(ON THIS DAY, YOU HAVE CHANGED MY LIFE!)
(AND THE DAY [redacted] STILL YOUNG...)
BEEP BOOP BOOP BEEP

DAILY BUGLE
BRAINING
IRENE MERRYWEATHER.
NATHAN? USING A PHONE?
I HAVE A HEADACHE. WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT A COMPANY CALLED SUNIC?
YOU CAN'T JUST TELEPATHICALLY SCAN ALL THEIR EMPLOYEES?
I ALREADY DID--THEREFORE: THAT HEADACHE.
AND IT SEEMS TO BE GETTING WORSE...
I WANT--
VALIDATION. YOU WANT ME TO SAY IT'S OKAY TO GO AFTER THESE GUYS.
ARE YOU CAUSING TROUBLE AGAIN?
I DON'T CAUSE, I END.
DO I GET THE STORY?
IF THERE'S ONE TO BE HAD.
WITH YOU, THERE ALWAYS IS.
I'LL CALL YOU BACK SHORTLY.

SHORTLY. SUNIC PHARMACOPOEIA, GERMANY
VAS EES--?
FOOM
THIS IS FOR NORMANDY!
AND THIS IS FOR-- UHM...FOR--
--BRIGITTE NIELSEN!
BUT SHE'S NOT GER--
AAAGHH!

GOTTA TELLYA, LOTS OF SECURITY FOR A FRICKIN' RESEARCH LAB!
'LESS, OF COURSE, YOU WERE HIDIN' SOME GOOD OL' WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!
WHICH, FOR THE RECORD...
...AIN'T GOT NOTHIN' ON ME!
OKAY. SO NOW I MAKE A RIGHT.
NO. A LEFT THEN A RIGHT...
(WE CAN'T STOP HIM!)
(WHAT DOES HE WANT?)
(SIR, I'M GETTING REPORTS OF ANOTHER SECURITY BREACH ON THE WESTERN SIDE--)

VIP
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VIP

THERE'S ANOTHER ONE?
HE DOESN'T KNOW—PLEASE DON'T KNOW—
YOU.

BLOW MY MIND! IF IT ISN'T NATHAN DAYSPRING ASKANI'SON SUMMERS CABLE SOLDIER X!
OR ARE YOU JUST CALLING YOURSELF PRISCILLA NOW?
CABLE IS FINE.
SO, IS THIS GOING TO BE, LIKE, A TESTOSTERONE THING?
PROBABLY, YES...IT IS...
NEXT: WHEN BOYS DON'T SWIM!